



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2009 Biennium

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| Bill # | HB0117 | Title: | Newborn hearing testing |
| Primary Sponsor: | Henry, Teresa K | Status: | As Introduced |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

FISCAL SUMMARY

| | <u>FY 2008 Difference</u> | <u>FY 2009 Difference</u> | <u>FY 2010 Difference</u> | <u>FY 2011 Difference</u> |
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| Expenditures: | | | | |
| General Fund | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Revenue: | | | | |
| General Fund | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Net Impact-General Fund Balance | <u><u>\$0</u></u> | <u><u>\$0</u></u> | <u><u>\$0</u></u> | <u><u>\$0</u></u> |

Description of fiscal impact:

There is no fiscal impact to the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind (MSDB) or to the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) from House Bill 117.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Montana School for the Deaf and Blind

1. There is no fiscal impact to the MSDB from the requirements of this bill.
2. Pursuant to 20-8-102(3) the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind (MSDB) has the responsibility to "...establish a system for tracking a child identified as hearing impaired or visually impaired from the time of impairment identification through the child's exit from intervention or educational services."
3. The MSDB currently contracts with the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) to provide access to DPHHS's Child Health Referral Information System (CHRIS). This database contains information on children identified with a hearing impairment through the Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Program and children identified with a visual impairment. The DPHHS made modifications to the CHRIS database to allow MSDB outreach staff to input and retrieve information. This information allows MSDB to track these children as well as to target resources in concert with other providers aimed at improving educational outcomes for these children through early language acquisition.

4. Costs charged back to the MSDB by DPHHS for database maintenance or modifications are paid for out of the school's present law operating budget.

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

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